

Sewing Machines

WAC 296-806-485

Summary

- In addition to the requirements in this section, you need to refer to the following sections of this chapter in order to fully protect your employees from machine hazards:
 - Requirements for All Machines, WAC 296-806-200 and WAC 296-806-300

This section applies to the hazards of needle injuries from domestic or light duty sewing machines.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To protect employees from hazards associated with sewing machines

You must

Guard sewing machine needles

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Rule

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Exemption:

- This section doesn't apply to domestic-type sewing machines having a presser foot that's in the "down" position during operation of the machine.

You must

- Provide a permanently attached guard on each sewing machine that:
 - Prevents the operator's fingers from passing under the needle.
 - Allows the needle to be conveniently threaded without removing the guard.



Reference:

- For specific requirements about safeguarding sewing machine belts can be found in, Safeguard belt and rope drives, WAC 296-806-30004.

